



Business & Multi-Family Recycling News

The City of Lake Forest makes it easy to comply with California's new recycling law.



Mandatory Commercial Recycling



Beginning July 1, 2012, a new California state law, AB 341, which was signed into law on October 6, 2011, will take effect. The law's objective is to reduce green house gas emissions by diverting waste from landfills and to reach the statewide recycling rate goal of 75% by the year 2020.

This law requires all commercial businesses and public entities that generate 4 cubic yards or more of solid waste (i.e. trash) per week and multi-family complexes with 5 units or more to have a recycling program in place by July 1, 2012.

The City of Lake Forest is required to inform businesses about the recycling requirement and to keep track of the level of recycling within the business community. Finally, the City of Lake Forest is also required each

year to report to the State agency that oversees recycling and solid waste on how successful the business community has been in meeting the law.

How will your business benefit by this law? Your business will likely save money on its disposal cost by increasing recycling.

Together with Waste Management, the City of Lake Forest wants to ensure your success in complying with this new state law. For assistance with implementing a recycling program or for more information about how to be in compliance with the law, please contact Waste Management of Orange County 1-(866) WMRECYCLE (1-866-967-3292) or for more information about this law, please visit:

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/recycling/.

Cost-saving Opportunities through Free Commercial Recycling

Recycling is offered free of charge to all businesses located within the City of Lake Forest. Therefore, compliance with the mandatory commercial recycling may actually reduce your business's monthly trash bill. If you are like the typical business then over half of the material you generate is recyclable. This means that you could replace one of your trash bins with an equivalently sized recycling bin. For your convenience, mixed recyclable materials can be placed in the recycling bins provided by Waste Management.

It is important that your business's recycling program be specifically designed to meet your needs. Waste Management will work with your business to determine the types of materials your business currently throws away and create a customized recycling program by using the space you have available for collection bins. Waste Management has a variety of different sized recycling containers to serve your business, from 35-gallon rolling carts to 6-cubic-yard dumpsters, all for no

charge. Waste Management is also available to assist with employee training once a recycling program is implemented.

To get started with a cost-saving recycling program, please contact Waste Management of Orange County at 1-(866) WMRECYCLE (1-866-967-3292).

Multi Family Dwellings

Multi-Family dwellings with five or more units are also included under AB341. Waste Management's goal is to establish a recycling program for 100% of all multi-family dwellings.

Please call to inquire about our program for multi-family communities (1-866-967-3292).



How Waste Management Can Help

Waste Management has been implementing successful business and multi-family recycling solutions in cities we serve, helping them to meet the state's diversion requirement.

Waste Management can customize a program for you that will increase recycling collection. Some of the services we can provide include:

Single Stream Recycling



Companies are looking for new, more effective ways to reduce costs, promote responsible resource management and fight climate change through commercial waste recycling. Single Stream Recycling is a technology that allows participants to place all their recyclables—such as fiber (newspaper, office paper and cardboard) and non-fiber (plastic bottles, steel and aluminum cans)—into a single container for subsequent collection, processing and remarketing. This sort-free recycling program makes it easy for your team to recycle.

Food & Organic Recycling



The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that Americans throw away more than 25 percent of the food we prepare. For businesses such as restaurants, hotels and banquet facilities, food waste can account for more than 50% of the waste disposed. Recycling your food waste can help raise your recycling rate and increase diversion from the landfill. Food waste is separated on site for collection. Collection is offered in bins or carts and tailored to meet your needs. The material is then taken to our Orange processing facility where it is turned into a sustainable product.

Bulb, Battery and Other Universal Waste Recycling



From fluorescent bulbs, to batteries, to electronics, Waste Management has a program to help you manage this regulated waste. Our online service provides a safe and cost effective way to manage universal waste. Through our Lamptracker program, we can provide mail-back kits to help you properly recycle CFL bulbs and other universal waste materials such as batteries and ballasts. Simply order your kit, fill it up and send it back to us postage paid. We'll properly process the materials in compliance with state and local laws and provide you documentation. For more information on our mail-back recycling products, visit www.wmlamptracker.com.

Tips to Maximize Your Success:

- Evaluate your waste stream for recycling.
- Appoint a recycling champion, someone who will take ownership of the recycling program.
- Evaluate your site and space available to add recycling service. If you need assistance, contact Waste Management.
- Make recycling convenient. Place containers for recycling collection at every desk. To save costs, re-purpose existing containers.
- Recycle old printer cartridges using mail-back services from the supplier.
- Collect batteries, compact fluorescent bulbs and tubes, along with e-waste for proper recycling by mail (www.wmlamptracker.com).
- Reduce. Think before printing a document.
- Reuse. Encourage employees to bring reusable bottles or travel mugs for water and coffee. Print double-sided.

